

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

Minutes – Open Session October 18, 2019

Approved by the Board on November 15, 2019

Members	Non-Members
Risa Ganel, LCMFT, <i>Chair</i>	Kimberly B. Link, J.D., Exec. Dir.
Jeffrey M. Galecki, LCADC, LCPC, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Brett Felter, AAG Frances A. Cipriotti, Administrator
Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, <i>Secretary</i>	Anna Sullivan, Admin. Officer Tawana Brown, Admin. Specialist
Aparna Ramaswamy, Ed.D., Ph.D., LCPC, ACS Amanda Bechtel, LCPC, LCPAT	Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator Willie Harris, Metro MFT
Michael W. Nettles, LCPC	Rachael Faulkner, LCPCM
Sharon Bolden, LCADC, LCPC	Kim Lang, DMH
Sara Carlton, Consumer	Sean Augustus, Intern, BOSWE
Mark Donovan, LCADC, LCPC	Patrick LoPresto, LCPC, Loyola Univ. Md.
C. Scott Frazier, III, Consumer, Absent	Danielle Vallone, Compliance Manager
Karen Katrinic, LCMFT	Shelly-Ann Barnes, Investigator
Winnie Moore, LCPC	Janice Isaac, Admin. Specialist

- 9:00 a.m. Discipline Review Committee
- 9:30 a.m. Credentialing Committee
- Legs/Regs Committee

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

- I. Review/Approval of Agenda – *Approved.*
- II. Review/Approval of Open Session minutes of September 20, 2019 – *Approved.*
- III. Reports:
 - A. Chair:
 - i. Letter from the Chair was emailed to all licensees the first week of October.
 - ii. Open Session meetings for November and December 2019 will continue as scheduled unless a quorum cannot be achieved. Bechtel will be absent for the November meeting; Ganel and Galecki will be absent for the December meeting. Others were advised to let Kim Link know if their availability changes.
 - iii. Board elections for officer positions:
 - For Chair: Ganel and Drotleff were nominated. Ganel was elected by ballot.
 - For Vice Chair: Galecki and Bolden were nominated. Galecki was elected by ballot.
 - For Secretary: Drotleff ran unopposed and was voted in by verbal count.

B. Board Counsel – No report.

C. Legislation/Regulations Committee (Bechtel/Link):

i. Board considered three proposed chapters: COMAR 10.58.01, 10.58.12, and 10.58.07. The regulations have been reorganized and clarified to accurately reflect the governing statutes and to provide a user friendly reference for licensees and prospective licensees.

a. COMAR 10.58.01 – General Regulations was changed to reflect only those definitions and information applicable to all credentials issued under the Board. Motion to approve COMAR 10.58.01 carried.

b. COMAR 10.58.12 – Licensure requirements for LGPC and LCPC were moved from existing Chapter .01 into existing Chapter .12, along with supervision requirements, and changes to certain language regarding LGPC’s ability to practice independent of supervision and the provision for consideration of hours earned in another jurisdiction toward a clinical license. Motion to approve COMAR 10.58.12 carried.

c. COMAR 10.58.07 – Information from existing Chapters .01, .13 and .14 were moved to existing Chapter .07 to provide all information pertinent to alcohol and drug counselors in one chapter and to modify “substantially equivalent” credit requirements for LGADCs. Motion to approve COMAR 10.58.07 carried.

ii. Next set of regulations revisions will be to the marriage and family therapists and art therapist chapters to conform to the new format used for LCPC and AD counselor chapters.

iii. *Ad hoc* committee consisting of LCADC board members and stakeholders will be formed to review each AD credential issued by the Board and to address reciprocity.

D. Credentialing Committee (Bolden): Review of applications regarding various issues and circumstances, including:

i. Request for extension of LGPC beyond 6 years due to licensee’s familial situation. Denied.

ii. Course review from Bowie State University, “Adlerian Lifestyle Assessment”. Course was approved as an elective but does not satisfy any one specific course topic requirement.

iii. Referral of application to Disciplinary Review Committee regarding unlicensed practice.

E. Discipline Review Committee (Galecki): The committee continues to meet monthly. Approximately 5 cases remain from 2015 and will be brought to the committee upon completion of the investigations. The committee will address unlicensed practice cases next month. Committee will work with Board Counsel to determine the criteria under which Board staff may be delegated authority to notify certain parties upon receipt of information regarding an imminent threat to licensees or the general public.

F. Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee (Link): Committee will meet on October 23, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Board offices. Meeting are open to the public.

IV. Old Business (Link):

A. Report on Advisory Group meeting for interstate compact. Compact terms are still being negotiated. Four group conference calls are scheduled over the next two months. The basic concept is that an individual licensed in their “home state” and will register for the ability to practice in other states that are members of the compact.

B. Discussion regarding additional information received from Talkspace after the September 20, 2019 meeting. Board members were asked to provide Kim Link with their comments. Kim Link will then prepare a response to Delegate Pena-Melnyk after review by the Board.

V. New Business (Link):

A. The renewal portal will open on November 1, 2019. Notices were sent via email to affected licensees and certificate holders last week.

B. Kim Link will meet with Lt. Governor Rutherford on November 4, 2019, regarding issues pertaining to the Commission to Study Issues on Behavioral and Mental Health.

*Motion to close Open Session. Carried. Open Session adjourned at 12:04 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,*

Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, Secretary